

It is a high privilege to express the appreciation of my countrymen for this magnificent tribute erected by the people of Australia in honour of members of the United States armed forces who gave their lives with valiant Australians in common cause.

The monument fittingly memorializes the sacrifices of the past. May it also endure as an inspiring symbol of the close bonds of friendship which firmly join the peoples of our two nations.

> Dung Low branchon PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This soaring memorial, which Her Majesty The Queen has graciously consented to unveil, tells of the gratitude of Her Majesty's Australian people for the part played here by the United States of America in the Second World War. More than that, it symbolises our faith in the continuing friendship of not only Australia, but the whole of the British Commonwealth, with the United States.

Our comradeship with Americans in battle did not end with the Second World War. Australians were among the Commonwealth troops who fought alongside the U.S. forces in Korea, resisting aggression there as in the two great Wars.

Like Britons and Americans, Australians, though formidable in war, are men of peace. They will pray that the good feeling between their country and the United States, the strength of which is proclaimed by this memorial, may help to keep the world free of war.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN AND OVER THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

This majestic Memorial will serve as a symbol for all eyes and for all time of the unity of two great peoples. It expresses an invincible will for freedom even at the sacrifice of life. I am proud, indeed, as an American to have served so noble a comradeship-in-arms with a land I have known so long and a people I have loved so well.

FORMER SUPREME COMMANDER- IN-CHIEF, SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA



HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh arrive

Received by the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies, C.H., Q.C., M.P., and Dame Pattie Menzies, G.B.E.

Royal Salute

Breaking of Royal Standard

Inspection of Guard of Honour provided by Her Majesty's Australian Fleet and the Band of the Flinders Naval Depot

Presentation by the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister of His Excellency the Ambassador for the United States of America, Mr. Amos J. Peaslee, and Mrs. Peaslee and of the Federal President of the Australian-American Association the Rt. Hon. Sir John Latham, G.C.M.G., Q.C., and Lady Latham, C.B.E.

Presentation by the Federal President of the Australian-American Association of Office-Bearers of the Australian-American Association and their wives

Address by the Federal President of the Australian-American Association

Address by the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister

Address by the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, the Rt. Hon. Dr. H. V. Evatt, Q.C., M.P.



Address by Her Majesty

HER MAJESTY UNVEILS THE MEMORIAL

Guard of Honour presents arms

Breaking of Australian and American flags by representatives of the Returned Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia and the American Legion

The American National Anthem Played by the Canberra City Band and led by the Canberra Philharmonic Society

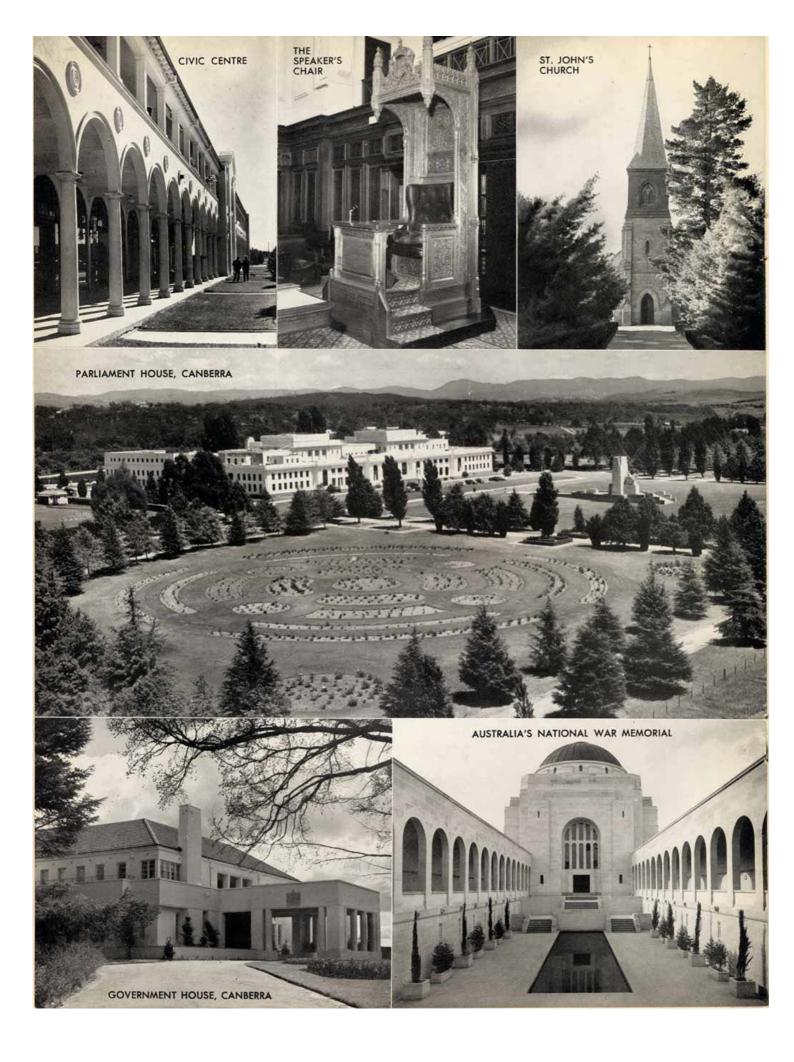
O! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming.
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say, does the Star-spangled Banner still wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Response by
His Excellency the Ambassador for the United States of America,
on behalf of the Government of the United States of America

The National Anthem

Played by the Canberra City Band and led by the Canberra Philharmonic Society

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness depart



AMERICAN APPRECIATION

OODWILL messages for this national occasion have been received from the State Governors of Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The following extracts are typical of the sentiments expressed:—

"Those Arizonans who shared in the sacrifices and heartaches of battle in the cause of peace and liberty are especially touched by your expression of appreciation and hold a warm spot in their hearts for the good people of Australia."

Howard Pyle,

GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA.

"We in California have long established friendships and many interests in common with the people of Australia. The continued strengthening of the bonds between us will contribute to the lasting benefit of both our Nations."

Earl Warren,

GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.

"This honour is but another expression of the mutual bonds of affection existing between our peoples which, with God's help, will become ever deeper and stronger with the passing years."

Dan Thornton,

GOVERNOR OF COLORADO.

"Our gratitude in the dedication of this gracious symbol is matched by our pride in having been allied with so worthy a nation in two crucial struggles during which we jointly helped to save those free institutions which are the hallmark of our common civilisation."

John Lodge, GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT "Out of the mutual respect and admiration which we already entertain for each other as military nations is growing a stronger bond of co-operation and goodwill in the endeavour for peace and prosperity."

> Dan McCarty, GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA.

"This magnificent symbol of your appreciation of our friendship stands as a challenge to those who would bring discord among us. May this bond of friendship be strengthened throughout the years."

Len Jordon, GOVERNOR OF IDAHO.

"I send greetings from the Kansas people as you celebrate this occasion which is symbolic of the sacrifices made by men and women for a kindred purpose."

> Edward F. Arn, GOVERNOR OF KANSAS.

"Kentucky joins in extending the hand of fellowship to the British Commonwealth of Nations. Through service and sacrifice our nations will continue to defend their cherished freedoms — liberty, equality and opportunity."

Lawrence W. Wetherby

Lawrence W. Wetherby, GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY.

"If we had the opportunity of sharing in the defence of your great land, we were also defending our own, which makes your generous gesture of friendship the more gracious."

Theodore R. McKeldin,

GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND.

"Every citizen of the United States is deeply grateful to the people of Australia for manifesting in a permanent memorial the close bond of friendship which links our two great English-speaking nations."

G. Mennen Williams, GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN.

"The unveiling of Australia's National Memorial to America emphasises the friendship of these two great countries. This Memorial proclaims the mutual respect and goodwill of two liberty-loving lands."

> Phil. M. Donnelly, GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI.

"The ties of friendship which were cemented in blood and suffering during the dark days of World War II are being further strengthened in the days which all hope will see lasting peace."

Charles H. Russell, GOVERNOR OF NEVADA.

"America and her friend must remain united if freedom is to survive. Your tribute of friendship is a great contribution to the cause of world freedom."

Hugh Gregg,
GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

"While we in America appreciate the generous impulses of the Australian people, we shall think of the memorial as a symbol of the obligations that we jointly assumed when the liberty that we both cherish was in jeopardy."

Alfred E. Driscoll, GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY.

"This Memorial will serve as a visible sign of the strong bonds of friendship between Australians and Americans. May it also serve as a constant reminder that we must stand together, strong and unified under God, to preserve this liberty."

Thomas E. Dewey, GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.

"We wish your great democracy the prosperity, progress, tranquillity and peace which only a free and warless world order can vouchsafe to mankind."

Frank J. Lausche, GOVERNOR OF OHIO. "We take great pride in your desire to erect a Memorial in Canberra in memory not only of the Americans who were part of your community during the war but also of those who made the supreme sacrifice in order that free people might remain free."

Paul L. Patterson, GOVERNOR OF OREGON.

"The Memorial, symbolic of the comradeship of our two peoples in the cause of liberty, will be all the more acceptable because of the graciousness of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in unveiling it."

> John S. Fine, GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"I extend the warmest expressions of esteem and friendship to the people of Australia and echo the hope of all our citizens that this spirit of goodwill will grow ever stronger."

Allan Shivers,

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS.

"I extend greetings and cordial good wishes to the people of Australia on the occasion of the unveiling of this Memorial symbolising the comradeship of our peoples in the cause of liberty."

John S. Battle, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

"May this Monument be the visible token of the kindred spirit which is ours, and a lasting tribute to liberty."

Arthur B. Langlie, GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON.

"The people of Wisconsin are proud to be among those honoured by the monument you dedicate. We salute the people of Australia and their gracious Queen."

Walter J. Kohler, GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN.

"I am sure that all Americans will be pleased and honoured by this token of gratitude, and that the significance of such a Memorial will long bear witness to the comradeship of our countries in the cause of liberty."

C. J. Rogers,
GOVERNOR OF WYOMING.

AMERICA'S WAR CONTRIBUTION IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC

In addition to America's enormous contributions in men, money, and war supplies of all types, the following official figures provided by the Foreign Service of the U.S.A. give some idea of the services rendered and the sacrifices made in the joint campaigns in the South-West Pacific area:—

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Peak strength of U.S. Army and Air Force troops in S.W. Pacific—September 30, 1945	1,372,602
Peak strength of U.S. Army and Air Force troops stationed in Australia—May 31, 1944	506,702
U.S. Casualties, Army and Air Force in S.W. Pacific— Killed or died of war causes	113,991
Number of Americans temporarily buried in Australia and New	
Maximum strength (not overall total) of U.S. Air Force in S.W.	11,637
Pacific	270,736
Estimated losses of American Air Force in S.W. Pacific— Heavy Bombers	2,494
Maximum number of combat aircraft in Far East Air Force	5,588
Estimated number of American Warships lost in the Pacific area from May 5, 1942 (Coral Sea Battle), to August 15, 1945 (excluding submarines and small craft)	70
Estimated number of Japanese Warships sunk in the Pacific area by U.S. Navy and Air Force from May 5, 1942 (Coral Sea), to August 15, 1945 (excluding submarines and small craft)	149
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Japanese Tanker destruction (tons)	1,150,000
(Naval figures from "The Campaigns of the Pacific War"—U.S. Naval An	THE RESERVE OF THE

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